

## NOEL.

I.  
Star-dust and vaporous light—  
The mist of worlds unborn—  
A shuddering in the awful night  
Of winds that brings the morn.

II.  
Now comes the dawn—the circling earth,  
Creatures that fly and crawl;  
And man, that last imperial birth,  
And Christ the flower of all.

—R. W. Gildor, in the Century

## ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.

Distribution of Rewards and Reading of Notes.

On Thursday afternoon last, a large number of the parents of the pupils attending the St. Patrick's Christian Brothers' school assembled in the C. Y. M. S. hall, on St. Alexander street, to listen to the notes for the past four months that the boys had merited, and to witness the distribution of prizes. Quite a number of clergymen and prominent citizens were present. Rev. Father Quinlivan occupied the chair, and beside him were Rev. Father James Callaghan, Rev. Bro. Arnold, and several of the Christian Brothers. Mr. McKay, Mr. Tansey, Mr. Foran, Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS, and others, occupied front seats. The programme, as given below, was most creditably carried out, and as the lads came up for their rewards it was curious and amusing to notice the expectancy, hope, or disappointment upon the boys' faces as they came up to receive promotion or to be lowered on the list.

A beautiful address was read to the Rev. Pastor, and he replied in most happy terms. He congratulated the boys, the parents and the good brothers, and he spoke words of encouragement for those who had not succeeded in securing prizes. Great credit is due to Brother James for his success with his large number of boys. No words of ours can add to the merits of that able and energetic trainer of youth, and knowing his own dislike to praise, we will leave him what the poet Goldsmith calls to "The luxury of doing good."

The following are the programme and the names of the pupils who deserve special mention:—

## PROGRAMME.

1. Song—"Sweet Chiming Bells".....Choir
2. Rewards to Pupils of 7th and 8th classes.
3. Recitation—"The Acorn and the Gourd" J. Stevens
4. Rewards to Pupils of 3rd and 4th classes.
5. Song—"Happy Hours at Home".....Choir
6. Rewards to Pupils of 3rd class.....Results of competition to same.
7. Recitation—"The African Chief".....J. Heagerty
8. Rewards and Results of Competition to Pupils of 2nd class.
9. Recitation—"Seminole's Defiance".....C. Fleming
10. Rewards and Results of Competition to Pupils of 1st class.
11. Address.....C. Fleming

The pupils who distinguished themselves, 1st class:—Thos. Whelan, Michl. Casey, Urban Mulligan, Chas. Fleming, Wm. Walsh, Thos. Scullion, John Heagerty, A. Laperle, Orval Mulligan, Frank Casey, Henry Charlebois, Ernest Schmidt, Nicholas Chambers, George Boisvert, Jas. Arnold, Wm. Meek, Ludger Renois.

Second Class—Sam. McFee, Tom McElgott, Alex. McMillan, Edw. Byrnes, Wm. Higgin, Chas. O'Brien, Jas. Blanchfield, Tom Braham, Wm. Dunlop, Edw. Purcell, Peter Leady, Geo. Stevens.

Third Class—Alph. Byrnes, Michl. Fitzgibbons, Thomas Power, Nicholas Butler, Jos. Braham, Jos. Quelch, Thos. Whelan, Jno. Nolan, Richard Lynch, John Ouellette.

Fourth Class—Eugene Buckley, Moses Cochrane, Jno. Stevens, Frank O'Callaghan, Patk. Moran, Bernard Tansey, Patk. Mitchell.

Fifth Class—David Herron, J. Howard, Bern. O'Reilly, Richard Green, James Gaffney, Wm. McHugh, Frank Palmer, Jno. O'Neill, Henry Knox, Jos. Brown.

Sixth Class—Jos. O'Reilly, Arthur Herbert, Jas. McLaughlin, Herbert Buchanan, Dan. Drew.

Seventh Class—Edras Emery, Peter Ruhon, Alex. Mann, Eug. O'Reilly.

## PROVED BEYOND DISPUTE.

No one now doubts that Burdock Blood Bitters will cure dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, headache or bad blood. The proof is so thorough and overwhelming that the doubters have been silenced and B. B. B. is secured in its place as the best purifying tonic and regulator extant. BYRON HOLT, Princeton, Ont.

Archbishop Walsh says the question under deliberation by the Monetary Conference at Brussels is at the very root of the difficulties of the Irish land question. He advocates bimetalism, which he says

is a matter of imperative necessity, if the agricultural tenants of Ireland are not to be driven to inevitable ruin. The main cause of the ruinous fall in agricultural prices, he thinks, is the continual and still unfinished rise in the value of gold. Archbishop Walsh says this presents a ruinous prospect for Irish tenants with judicial rents fixed for fifteen years, and for tenant purchasers with annual payments to the Government fixed for forty-nine years. Under these circumstances the land purchase scheme will be a source of widespread disaster. He regrets that bimetalism has been unfortunately absolutely left out of calculation in Ireland.

## HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

## Useful Receipts.

## LEMON OR ORANGE ESSENCE.

Essence of lemon or orange is made by rubbing the rinds of ripe lemons or oranges with loaf sugar until all is rubbed off. Mix the sugar and rind together, and pack closely in little jars or glasses. It is used for flavoring drinks and desserts.

## MILK ICING FOR CAKES.

Stir one cupful of granulated sugar and a quarter of a cupful of milk together over the fire until it comes to a boil, and then boil five minutes without stirring. Stand it in a pan of cold water and stir till it becomes creamy, and when cold spread on the cake.

## SPICED GRAPES.

Spiced grapes make a welcome relish. Ten pounds of grapes, six pounds of granulated sugar five heaping teaspoons of powdered cloves, six heaping teaspoons of powdered cinnamon and one full quart of vinegar. Slip the pulp from the skin and boil it until the seeds are cooked out, then strain through the potato sieve. At the same time have the skins boiling in a second kettle and the vinegar, sugar and spice in a third and when the pulp is strained and the skins soft, add both to the hot syrup. Boil about an hour or until the whole has reached the consistency of catsup.

## DELICIOUS ICED PUDDING.

Here is a recipe for a delicious iced pudding: One and one half cupfuls of milk, one and one half cupfuls of sugar, yolks of twelve eggs, a quarter of a pound of crystallized fruits, three tablespoonfuls of brandy, one small wine-glass of wine; mix well together the yolks of the eggs, cream and milk, put it into a saucepan over boiling water, and stir constantly until the mixture coats the spoon. Remove from the fire and stir into the sugar; let it stand until cold. Pour into the freezer, and when it freezes into a thick batter, turn in the fruit, which has been prepared in the following way: Pour over it a little boiling water and drain at once, then cut the fruit into small pieces, throw over it the wine and brandy, then stir all into the freezer mixture. Turn until stiff enough to mould. Wet a mould in cold water, stick some of the crystallized fruit around the sides and bottom of the mould, then work in the frozen mixture, being careful to pack evenly and firmly. Pack the mould in ice, and in a couple of hours it will be ready to serve.

## HOW THEY DO IT.

How do women kill time? The guileless man who asked this foolish question got his answer from a woman who, with her husband, two children and two servants, lived in a house with nine rooms. Having kept a statistical account for one year she gave the results as follows: Number of lunches put up, 1,157; meals ordered, 963; desserts made, 172; lamps filled, 328; room dusted, 2,259; times dressed children, 786; visits received, 879; visits paid, 167; books read, 88; papers read, 553; stories read aloud, 234; games played, 329; church services at-

## A LITTLE GIRL'S DANGER.



Mr. Henry Macombe, Leyland St., Blackburn, London, Eng., states that his little girl fell and struck her knee against a curbstone. The knee began to swell, became very painful and terminated in what doctors call "white swelling." She was treated by the best medical men, but grew worse. Finally

## ST. JACOBS OIL

was used. The contents of one bottle completely reduced the swelling, killed the pain and cured her. "ALL RIGHT! ST. JACOBS OIL DID IT."

tended, 125; articles mended, 1,236; articles of clothing made, 120; fancy articles made, 56; letters written, 429; hours in music, 204; hours in Sunday school work, 208; hours in gardening, 49; sick days, 44; amusements attended, 10; Besides the above I nursed two children through measles, twice cleaned every nook and corner of my house, put up seventy-five jars of pickles and preserves, made seven seven trips to the dentist's dyed Easter eggs, polished silver and spent seven days in helping to nurse a sick friend who was ill, besides the thousand and one duties too small to be mentioned yet taking time to perform.

## WOMAN'S POWER.

At what age under the old regime a woman was considered *passée* it would be dangerous to say—presumably soon after she had quitted her teens. Swift wrote with cruel candor of Stella's fading charms, and sent her as a birthday gift a rhymed "Receipt To Restore Her Lost Youth," at a period that we should consider the prime of life. The caustic dean of St. Patrick's wondering "How angels look at 36" proves a sharp contrast to a more modern writer, Professor Lewes, who, in his "Life of Goethe," speaks of 33 as a fascinating period of a woman's life, being that in which he considered her to have reached the full development of her powers of mind body.

Such a sentiment would once have been considered rank heresy, yet 33 was the age at which Frau von Stein proved dangerous to the heart of the poet who had survived the more youthful charms of a Gretchen, a Charlotte and a Lili, remarks a writer in Harper's Bazaar.

Professor Lewes' view seems to be based on the old French idea of each age having its distinct and honorable position and limitations. No people, perhaps, appreciate more perfectly the innocent flower-like beauty of adolescence than the French. Like the loveliness of childhood, it is to them a joy and delight to be made much of while it lasts, and like that period it is expected to have its definite limits.

The line between *jeune fille* and *vieille fille* is in that polite land drawn with a sharper and more merciless hand than in our own; yet it is the glory of that French life, with its clear and practical limitations and its adoration of youthful beauty, to have presented the finest flower of courtesy that the world has ever known, to women who had lost the charms of early youth and ruled the minds and even the hearts of men by their wit and their wisdom, their vivacity and grace.

It is impossible to read any description of salon life in Paris without realizing the immense power that such women as Mme. de Rambouillet, Mme. deffand, who could tolerate anything but the commonplace, Mme. Necker, her brilliant daughter, Mme. de Staël, and her cherished friend, Mme. d'Houdetot, exercised in literary and political as well as in social matters.

## FOUR DOSES CURE A COUGH.

GENTLEMEN,—My little boy was troubled with a very bad cough, and a lady friend advised me to try Haggard's Pectoral Balsam. I got it at once and can truly say I did not give more than three or four doses until his cough was gone. I have never been without it since, as I find it the best for troublesome coughs. Mrs. J. S. RUDDY, Glen Williams, Ont.

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## Notice

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BEAUDIN & CARDINAL.

Attorneys for applicants.

Montreal, December 20, 1892.

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## MONTREAL

## City and District Savings Bank.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of eight dollar per share on the capital stock of this institution has been declared, and the same will be payable at its Banking House in this city on and after TUESDAY, the 3rd JANUARY, 1893.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st December next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

H. BARBEAU, Manager.

Montreal, Nov. 30th, 1892.

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